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1. COLONEL IVAN RUI ANDRADE OLIVEIRA ASSUMED OFFICE AS GERAN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FEBRUARY 14 IN PRESENCE LARGE MINISTERIAL DELEGATION INCLUDING MINISTERS INTERIOR, TRANSPORT, MINES AND ENERGY, AGRICULTURE AND NAVY.

2. COL IVAN RUI, AS HE IS GENERALLY KNOWN, HAS REPUTATION AS HONEST, DILLIGENT AND STRICT MILITARY OFFICER.

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HIS BACKGROUND PRIOR TO LEAVING PERNAMBUCO DOES NOT INDICATE ANY PARTICULAR DCKWLEDGE OF DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE GUERRA, WHERE HE STUDIED UNTIL THIS ASSIGNMENT, PLACES SOME EMPHASIS ON THIS SUBJECT. CONGEN OFFICERS DISCUSSED APPOINTMENT WITH SUGAR AND LABOR REPRESENTATIVES AND FOUND THAT BOTH THINK HIM CAPABLE OF DOING GOOD JOB.

3. IVAN RUI WAS MADE PUBLIC SECURITY SECRETARY IN PERNAMBUCO BY GOVERNOR GUERRA SHORTLY AFTER THE MARCH 1964 REVOLUTION. THE GOVERNOR AND IE EVIDENTLY AGREED THAT THE REVOLUTION SHOULD NOT CANCEL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GAINS MADE BY RURAL WORKERS DURING THE ARRAES GOVERNMENT AND ALTHOUGH RUI PRESSED THE REVOLUTION'S INVESTIGATIONS INTO SUBVERSION WITH ZEAL, HE ORDERED HIS POLICE TO PROTECT RURAL UNIONS FRBX ARBITRARY ACTIONS AND REPRISALS BY SUGAR INTERESTS. HE EVEN ARRESTED THREE SUGAR MILLERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSAULTS ON RURAL UNION LEADERS. UPON HIS RETURN TO ARMY POSITION, AFTER ONLY FEW MONTHS ON SSP JOB, RUI REPORTEDLY WAS INVOLVED TH GROUP YOUNGER OFFICERS TRYING PRESSURE GOB INTO MORE THOROUGH CLEAN-UP OF SUBVERSION AND CORRUPTION. THUS HE APPEARS TO BE HARD-LINER BUT NOT WITCH HUNTER AS EVIDENCED FT ATTITUDE TOWARD RURAL UNIONS.

4. RUI WORKED WELL WITH GOVERNOR GUERRA BUT BECAME ONE OF THE FOCAL POINTS OF FORMER GOVERNOR SAMPAIO'S ATTEMPTS TO HAVE GUERRA

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REMOVED. SAMPAIO REPORTEDLY COMPLAINED TO FOURTH ARMY THAT GUERRA AND RUI WERE SOFT ON SUBVERSIVES.

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RUI IS REPORTEDLY SENSITIVE TO WHAT HE REGARDS AS PERSONAL SLIGHTS OR AFFRONTES AND MAY HAVE BEEN EMBITTERED TOWARD CERTAIN MILITARY COLLEAGUES AND PERNAMBUCO POLITICAL ELEMENTS PARTICULARLY SAMPAIO AND THE PRESENT INTERIOR MINISTER COSTA CAVALANTI BOTH OF WHOM HE HAD REGARDED WZ PRINCIPAL INSTRUMENTS IN HIS REMOVAL ALTHOUGH CAVALCANTI APPEARS NOT TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. ON OTHER HAND RUI LEFT JOB WITH HIGH REGARD FOR GUERRA INTACT.

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6. IN SUM, NEW GERAN CHIEF APPEARS TO BE CAPABLE MILITARY OFFICER, INTERESTED IN POLITICAL OFFICE, KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT POLITICIANS AND POLITICAL INTRIGUE, PROPER REVOLUTIONARY CREDENTIALS, RESPECTED BY LABOR, KNOWN TO BUT NOT COOPTED BY SUGAR INTERESTS, AND DESIROUS OF MAKING A NAME FOR HIMSELF BY ACCOMPLISHING GERAN MISSION. MOST OF FOREGOING QUALITIES ARE UNDOUBTEDLY ASSETS IN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY POSITION IF HIS REPORTED AMBITION FOR HIGHER OFFICE DOES NOT TEMPT HIM TO PLACATE POLITICALLY POWERFUL SUGAR INTERESTS TO THE DETREMENT OF RURAL LABOR.

7. EMBASSY RIO INFORMED US THAT RUI PAID COURTESY CALL AT EMBASSY FEBRUARY 11. INFORMED OFFICIALS THERE THAT HE PLEASED WITH ASSIGNMENT AND ANXIOUS TO GET GERAN WORKING. HOPES TO ESTABLISH EARLY COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH USAID/NE OFFICIALS. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH CG FOLLOWING SWEARING-IN, RUI INDICATED HIS WISH TO MEET TOGETHER SOON TO CONTINUE THE USAID/GERAN "ASSOCIATION."

8. IN SOMEWHAT PREDICTABLE SWEARING-IN SPEECH RUI AFFIRMED HIS DEDICATION TO THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT AND TO MAKING GERAN BRING REFORM TO THE SUGAR ZONE. INTERIOR MINISTER CAVALCANTI USED THE OCCASION TO SAY THAT GOB HAD PROMISED REFORM LONG ENOUGH BUT TIME FOR PROMISES WAS PAST. CAVALCANTI SAID THAT GERAN CANNOT WORK WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF SEVERAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES. HE USED THE PRESENCE OF THE MANY MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE AS PROOF OF THE GOB'S INTEREST IN GERAN AND THE APPOINTMENT OF RUI AS PROOF OF ITS DETERMINATION TO B.32 IN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO REACTION TO RECENT AID CUTS TO NORTHEAST, HE ALSO USED PRESENCE OF MINISTERS AS INDICATION OF CONTINUED HIGH GOB INTEREST IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

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